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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOR AMBASSADOR CAROL LAISE

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BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOR AMBASSADOR LAISE FOLLOWS:

CAROL C. LAISE RETIRED AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE, AT THE END OF DECEMBER 1977. NAMED TO THE POST BY SECRETARY KISSINGER ON JANUARY 7, 1975, SHE WAS THE FIRST WOMAN SELECTED FOR THAT POSITION. SHE HAD BEEN APPOINTED ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS IN OCTOBER 1973.

A CAREER MINISTER IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE, SHE WAS U.S. ENVOY TO NEPAL, 1966-1973. EARLIER, SHE WAS DIRECTOR OF SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE U.S. EMBASSY AT NEW DELHI, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICER IN THE BUREAU OF UN AFFAIRS, AND ADVISER ON U.S. DELEGATIONS TO THE UN, UNESCO AND THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION. MS.
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LAISE, WHO HAS DEGREES FROM AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, WAS WITH THE U.S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION UNTIL 1946. SHE THEN TRANSFERRED TO THE UN RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION, IN LONDON, HOLDING SENIOR POSITIONS IN THE DIVISION OF PERSONNEL.

AMBASSADOR LAISE IS THE RECIPIENT OF SEVERAL HONORS INCLUDING THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD FROM AMERICAN UNIVERSITY; THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENDABLE SERVICE AWARD, IN 1960; THE FEDERAL WOMEN'S AWARD, IN 1965; AND THE CAREER SERVICE AWARD OF THE NATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE LEAGUE, IN 1973. SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS. MS. LAISE ALSO RECEIVED HONORARY LL.D. DEGREES FROM WINDHAM COLLEGE IN VERMONT, MOUNT HOLYOKE IN MASSACHUSETTS, GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND DICKINSON COLLEGE IN PENNSYLVANIA. SHE IS MARRIED TO AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE ELLSWORTH BUNKER. VANCE

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